



Churches Together in Harborough:

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Dear friends,

It was great to be with so many of you at the Forum meeting. I just wanted to update on a few matters, following our subsequent Exec meeting.

First of all, we are very much aware of the sheer number of emails that are sent out on a regular basis, and it can become overwhelming or difficult to discern what needs your attention. As an Exec, we would like to have a better system for sending out information. Also, we want to make sure that the information is going to the right people, and not simply a historical mailing list.

So, we would like to aim to send out to you a **monthly CTH newsletter**, which will contain information on forthcoming events, meetings, and news from all our churches and partner organisations – whatever you want us to share. But it does mean that you will need to get the information to us in good time, and understand if we simply cannot send one out at short notice.

In order to make sure this goes to the right people, **please could you provide us with:**

- Names of your current church reps to CTH (under the new constitution),
- or (if not a church) names of the key people in your organisation, whom it would be best to send the information to.

We will also send everything to the known CTH church leaders / ministers, as a matter of course. It will then be up to you who you share the newsletter with, but it should be suitable for general reading by your church congregation.

We will also be trying to keep our **website up-to-date**, and renewed, especially to enable us all to know what events and groups are meeting – especially with social issues and vulnerable people in mind, during this cost-of-living crisis. We will be asking for information in various categories, if you are happy to share.

We also made some decisions about **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU)**, and **Lent**.

For **WPCU (18-25 January)**, we would like to have 3 prayer meetings in the week, and one service.

Christopher Brown kindly offered to host the **service at the Baptist Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 22nd Jan**.

Please put this in your diaries. For the other prayer meetings, we make the following suggestions, and we'd be glad if the churches named could respond to confirm:

Wed 18th January – evening prayer meeting at 7.00pm at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church;

Friday 20th January – lunchtime prayer meeting at 12.30pm at the Congregational Church;

Tuesday 24th January – Zoom prayer meeting organised by Harborough Anglican Team at *either* 12.30 or 7.00pm.

For **Lent**, we would like to hold again our **soup-and-cake lunches**, this year at Our Lady of Victories Catholic Church, on five Fridays during Lent. The lunch will be preceded by a short (30 mins) service prepared by the following churches:

3rd March – Harbourough Anglican Team;

10th March – Baptist Church;

17th March – Congregational Church;

24th March – Harbourough Community Church;

31st March – Methodist Church.

These services usually consist of a couple of hymns, prayers, a reading, and a short talk or testimony. These have often been led by lay members of the congregation.

Please confirm that the dates we have allocated are OK with you.

Of course, 7th April is **Good Friday**, and Stephen Jack has kindly offered to assemble a group to discuss the organisation of the Good Friday event. More details of that to come.

Finally, we will have further conversations about the **Justice and Peace discussion/prayer group**. More info will be announced soon.

I look forward to seeing you all soon – especially for our next Forum meeting, which is on 24th November.

With every blessing, in Christ,



Andy Murphy